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METHOD FOR THE STORAGE DEVICE CONTROL APPARATUS

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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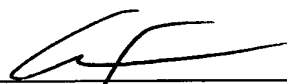
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 AND 37 CFR 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-111405 filed in Japan on April 16, 2003.

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